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HB 5512 **An Act Concerning The Reporting Of A Missing Child** **Judiciary Committee Public Hearing** **March 23, 2012**

To the Honorable Chairmen, Co-Chairmen and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I submit my testimony in support of **HB 5512 - An Act Concerning the Reporting of a Missing Child**.

This bill provides a criminal penalty for a parent or legal guardian who fails to report a missing child under the age of 12 within 24 hours, in cases where the parent knew or should have known that the child was possibly in danger.

I hope you will support this common sense proposal which protects the most vulnerable members of our society - our children. We should strive to avoid any future tragedies similar to what happened to Caylee Anthony in Florida when her mother waited 31 days before reporting her missing.

I respectfully request that you join me in supporting and voting this bill out of the Judiciary Committee and to the floor of the House and Senate for final consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noreen Kokoruda".

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